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The Cochin Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill *(Cont.)*

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:— Sir, I rise to move that the Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill be taken up and passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew:— I second it.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:—Honourable Members may remember that last time all but the final stage of the Bill had been gone through. This amendment, I may remind the House, only concerns the grant of power to the Chief Court to transfer sessions cases when the Chief Court thinks necessary. The matter was discussed fully last time. I move that the Bill may be finally passed.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Civil Courts Regulation Amendment Bill *(cont.)*

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:— Sir, I beg to present the Select Committee Report on the Cochin Civil Courts Regulation Amendment Bill. It will be seen from the copy of the Select Committee's report that an explanatory clause was introduced by the Committee. That clause reads thus:— "Provided that in the case of suits and proceedings that are incapable of being estimated at a money value, such value shall be taken to be the value of the relief sought as stated in the plaint." The idea in introducing that amendment was that the matter may be as specific as possible. The Committee left the bill practically in tact otherwise. The Committee however made an observation which is found in clause 2 of the report which runs thus:— "The Committee is further of opinion that early steps should be taken to introduce a Suits Valuation Act in the State. The Committee also considers that it is necessary to consolidate and amend the Chief Court Regulation, the Civil Courts Regulation and the Court Fee Regulation; all these regulations being in a large measure inter related." I may submit for the information of the House that the Government are considering that recommendation and may in all probability adopt the course suggested by the Committee. I now move that the bill may be taken into consideration.

Mr. C. J. Mathew:—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:—I rise to move that the Bill may be finally passed on Thursday.

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Mr. C. J. Mathew—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill *(Cont.)*

Mr. Thomas Marjuran:—Sir, I rise to present the Select Committee Report on the Cochin Village Panchayath Regulation Amendment Bill. It will be noticed from the report of the Select Committee now before the Hon. members that some slight changes were introduced by the Select Committee in the original bill. The bill as it stands reads thus:— "The Presidents of the Group Panchayath Courts shal ordinarily be elected by the Judges of the Group Panchayath courts concerned. In cases of emergency, where for some reason or other a Group Panchayat Court President is not so elected within a reasonable time after the election of the Judges, the Government may, however, appoint one of the Judges as the President A President so appointed by the Government will go out of office on the expiry of two weeks after the election by the Group Panchayath Court Judges of a President is notified in the Government Gazette." It will be noticed that the nomination of the Panchayath Court President will be restricted. I submit that the bill may be taken into consideration.

Mr. C. J. Mathew—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. Thomas Marjuran:—I further move that the Bill may be finally passed on Thursday.

Mr. C. J. Mathew—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill *(Contd).*

Mr. Thomas Marjuran:—Sir, I rise to present the Select Committee Report on the Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill. (Private art-stands etc.) It will be noticed that a slight amendment by way of explanation or elucidation has been introduced by the Select Committee. The amended section reads thus:— "No person shal open, for the purpose of hiring out, a new private landing-place, halting place, bus-stand or cart-stand or continue to keep open a private landing-place, halting place, bus-stand or cart-stand within one mile from such limits." The amendment introduced with the object of further elucidation so that there may

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